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PROCEEDINGS.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Session of the UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION was held with the Enon Baptist Church, Pickens county, Ala., commencing on Saturday, September 26th, 1874.

Introductory Sermon was delivered according to appointment by Eld. J. H. Curry, at 11 o'clock, A. M., from the text 1 Cor.—: 9, 14.

After a recess of one hour, the delegates assembled in the meeting-house for the transaction of business. The Moderator, Elder JNO. C. FOSTER, called the body to order, and after reading 133rd Psalm, prayer was offered by Elder M. P. Smith.

Letters from the Churches were read, and the names of delegates enrolled. The Association was then organized by the re-election of Elder J. C. FOSTER, Moderator, and H. B. CHAPPELLE, Clerk.

On motion, visiting brethren were invited to seats, and to take part in our deliberations.

On motion, received correspondence from other Associations:—Columbus, a letter; Tuskaloosa, a letter and package of minutes; Yellow Creek, —.

On motion, adopted the same Order of Business as last session of this body, with the addition of a Committee on Sabbath Schools.

1. Appointed following Committees:

On Preaching—J. W. Mitchell, J. T. Hancock, P. W. Scott, A. C. Robertson, and Pastor and Deacons of Enon Church.

Education—J. H. Curry, J. H. Stinson.

Correspondence—J. H. Curry, W. G. Robertson, J. D. Stapp.

Documents—W. Ashcraft, M. P. Smith, James P. Gates.

Nominations—J. T. Smith, H. Strickland, J. A. Burgin.

Missions—S. Hildreth, U. E. Allen, M. G. Lofton.

Finance—J. T. Smith, W. G. Robertson.

Deceased Deacons—R. Keith, A. Latham, G. M. Lyles.

Sabbath Schools—J. A. Mitchell, J. H. Stinson, A. M. Wilkins, A. M. Smith, H. B. Chappelle.

2. The Committee on Preaching made a report, adopted: That we dispense with preaching to-night; prayer-meeting to-morrow at 9 o'clock, conducted by Elder A. M. Smith; preaching at 10 o'clock by Elder R. E. Melvin, and the Annual Missionary Sermon, according to previous appointment, by Elder R. Keith, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

On motion, adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder D. Duncan.

THE LORD'S DAY.

The public worship of God was conducted in accordance with the report of Committee on Preaching. The congregation was large,

notwithstanding the excessive rains the night previous and early morning detained many, who anticipated being present.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened by the Moderator reading the 19th Psalm and prayer by Elder M. P. Smith.

3. Minutes of Saturday read and approved.

4. Read Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.

5. Roll called and absentees marked.

On motion, suspended Order of Business, and received Eld. R. E. Melvin as corresponding messenger from Choctaw Association, Miss.

6. Order of Business resumed, and returned correspondence to other Associations:

To the Tuskalooosa—To convene with the Big Sandy Church, 12 miles south of Tuskalooosa, on Tuesday after the 3d Sabbath in Sept. 1875—Geo. A. Stewart, J. H. Pate, A. C. Robertson, J. C. Foster, W. G. Robertson, R. Keith, A. M. Smith, J. H. M. Anders.

To the Columbus—To convene with the Sharon Church, Noxubee county, Miss., Saturday before the 2nd Sab. in September 1875—J H Curry, J P Lee, W G Robertson, H B Chappelle, G M Lyles, J W Atteberry, C T Fort, J A Burgin.

Yellow Creek—Suspended correspondence.

To the Choctaw—To convene with the Centre Ridge Church, Kemper county, Miss., Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in October, 1874—W H Richardson.

7. Circular Letter read; on motion, adopted and ordered to be printed.

8. Reports from District Meetings were read and adopted:

FIRST DISTRICT—Next meeting of the District to be held with Corinth Church, Tuskalooosa county, Ala., Friday before the 4th Sabbath in Aug. 1875. Introductory Sermon by Elder J. S. Wootton; alternate, Elder J. A. Mitchell. Missionary Sermon by Eld. E. Howell; Elder R. B. Wilkins, alternate. *Query for Discussion*: Are we authorized by the Scriptures to teach Sabbath Schools? *Essay read*: The office and duties of Deacons—Elder E. Howell.

SECOND DISTRICT—Next annual meeting will be held with the Spring Hill Church, Friday before the 4th Sabbath in July 1875. Introductory Sermon by Elder J. P. Lee; Elder D. Duncan, alternate. Missionary Sermon by Elder G. M. Lyles; alternate, Elder J. H. Curry.

THIRD DISTRICT—The next annual meeting will be held with the Enon Church, Friday before the 5th Sabbath in Aug. 1875. Introductory Sermon by Elder R. T. Hanks; alternate, Elder S. Hildreth. Missionary Sermon by Elder R. Keith; alternate, Elder William Ashcraft. *Queries for discussion*: 1. The nature and limit of Church Discipline. 2. Who is the least in the Kingdom of Heaven spoken of in Mathew xi. 11? 3. Ought church members engage in or encourage by their presence or suffer their children, under their control, to take part in or attend the *modern dance*?

Essays read: 1. The Doctrine of the Resurrection.—H. B. Chappelle. 2. Family Prayer.—W. G. Robertson.

FOURTH DISTRICT—The next meeting will be held with Bethel Church Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in August 1875. Introductory Sermon by Elder William Ashcraft; alternate, Elder A. M. Smith. Missionary Sermon by Elder J. C. Foster; alternate, Eld. M. P. Smith. *Queries for discussion:* 1. Is anything *right* to us in religious matters because we believe it to be right? Opened by E. H. B. Liverman and Elder A. M. Smith. 2. What are the duties of members of a constituted Baptist church towards their Pastor? Opened by W. P. Sullivan and T. J. Nix.

9. Report of Committee on Education, adopted:

Your committee deem it unnecessary at this time to discuss the necessity of educating thoroughly the rising generation. But would simply recommend to all parents and guardians the HOWARD COLLEGE, at Marion, Ala., for young men, and the JUDSON FEMALE INSTITUTE, located at the same place, and the ALABAMA CENTRAL FEMALE COLLEGE at Tuskaloosa, Ala., as eminently worthy of their confidence and patronage.

W. ASHCRAFT, Chm.

10. Report of Executive Committee, adopted:

Your Executive Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

We have continued Elder Wm. Ashcraft as missionary within our bounds, one-half his time, at a salary of three hundred dollars. We have continued a formal connection with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. All the funds collected have been reported to that Board, but expended within our bounds. We herewith submit a condensed report of our Missionary's operations since the last session of your body:

Sermons delivered, 50; addresses, 70; prayer-meetings attended, 46; other religious services, 8; prayers offered, 248; assisted in organizing one Colored Association; Sabbath Schools organized, 3; number of students, 101; number of teachers, —; miles travelled, 1118; family visits, 199; private or personal conversations, 2322; tracts distributed, 61; Testaments distributed, 16; religious books distributed, 12; visits to the sick, 86; collected for Missions, \$30.65; days in service, 161.

Our Missionary reports a great destitution in our bounds, and we believe it is incumbent upon your body to make some provision for a continuation of the work. We append the Treasurer's report. All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. G. ROBERTSON, Chm.

MISSIONARY FUND—REPORT OF TREASURER.

DR.

September 25, 1874.—To balance on hand at last report.....	\$ 47.57
Received of Bro. Chappelle, Clerk.....	171.00
Received of Bro. Robertson, for Carrollton Church.....	18.00
Received of Bro. W. J. Harris.....	1.00
Received of Bro. Hildreth, through Bro. Ashcraft.....	10.00
Received of Bro. R. B. Wilkins.....	2.50
	<hr/> \$250.07

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Oct. 16, '73.—P'd Bro. Ashcraft for services as missionary...	\$ 75.00
Paid Bro. Ashcraft for services for Oct, Nov, and Dec.....	75.00
“ “ “ “ “ Jan. Feb. and Mar. '74...	75.00
	<hr/> \$225.00

Balance in hands of Treasurer, September 25, 1874.....\$ 25.07
Respectfully submitted, L. M. STONE, Treasurer.

11. Following report of Committee on Nominations, adopted:

Next Introductory Sermon by Elder E. Howell; alternate, Elder J. P. Lee

Annual Missionary Sermon by Elder J. C. Foster; alternate, Elder Geo. M. Lyles. Elder S. Hildreth write the next Circular Letter—subject, “Temperance.”

J. T. SMITH, Chm.

12. Report of Committee on Documents, adopted:

Your Committee would report: That we have examined the letters from the various churches, and find nothing therein demanding the special attention of the Association. Many of the churches have enjoyed gracious revivals, while a few lament a state of coldness. The New Hope Church has licensed brother J. H. M. Anders, and Enon Church, brother H. B. Chappelle, to the gospel ministry. The death of our beloved brother, Edward Lee, deacon of Carrollton church, will be appropriately noticed by the committee on deceased deacons.

W. ASHCRAFT, Chm.

13. Report of Committee on Deceased Deacons, adopted:

Your Committee would report, that since our last meeting another of our beloved Deacons has been taken from his active duties here to that rest that remains for the people of God. It pleased our Heavenly Father, September 4th, 1874, to call our brother, EDWARD LEE, from time to eternity. He was born in Virginia, A. D. 1808. He joined the Baptist Church in early life; and shortly after this event, he moved to Alabama, and settled near Carrollton. He was a member in the constitution of the Baptist church at said place. During the year 1856, he became a member of Hebron Baptist church, and was there ordained to the office of Deacon. After a few years, he again rejoins Carrollton church, where, to the day of his death, he was active at all times in the discharge of his official duties. He *never forgot* to visit the sick in his vicinity, was ever ready to speak a word of comfort to the despondent, and to point them to Jesus as the Fountain of joy and consolation. He was a good man, full of faith, peaceable and unassuming in his daily walk—truly he was waiting to be called home from labor to rest.

“Life’s labor done, as sinks the clay,
Light from its load the spirit flies,
While heaven and earth combine to say,
‘How blest the righteous when he dies.’”

R. KEITH, Chm.

14. Report of Committee on Finance, adopted:

Received from the churches for Minutes.....	\$ 67,00
“ “ “ “ Association.....	32,25
“ for Missionary in Association.....	120,20
“ “ State Sabbath School work.....	2,50
“ “ Indian Missions.....	13,85
“ from L. P. Baker as pledged.....	5,00
“ “ W. Ashcraft collection 1st District.....	3,40
“ “ “ “ 2nd “	10,00
“ “ “ “ 3rd “	7,25
“ Collection on Sabbath.....	22,55
	<hr/> \$284,00

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. SMITH, Chm.

15. Report of Committee on Correspondence, adopted.

16. Appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention, Marion, Ala., Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in November, 1874: Jno. C. Foster, R. Keith, L. M. Stone, M. L. Stansel, Wm. Ashcraft, J. B. Kilpatrick, G. M. Lyles, J. P. Lee.

17. The following resolution was adopted in regard to the Missionary Board for the ensuing year, viz: *Resolved*, That the present Executive Board be continued for the ensuing year, and in addition thereto that we appoint two members from each District in the Association, with whom this Board shall confer from time to time, either by letter or in person, in order to keep fully informed in regard to the destitution within our bounds.

The Executive Missionary Board as now constituted and appointed, as follows: L M Stone, M L Stansel, Wm G Robertson, A M Wilkins, J H Stinson, J H Curry, H B Chappelle. *First District*—W Vail, I L Holman; *Second District*—Jas A Burgin, Peter Kilpatrick; *Third District*—W H Richardson, S Hildreth; *Fourth District*—E H Lamb, R H Foster.

On motion, adjourned for half hour. Prayer by Eld. J. H. Curry.

MONDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Association met; prayer by Elder S. Hildreth.

18. Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools, adopted:

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools herewith submit their report: We feel gratified in saying we believe there has been an increased interest among the churches in this direction, and that our people are alive to the great importance of the work. We are satisfied that the action of your body at its last session, taking charge of this work, was one of wisdom, and that great good will be the result. The committee of the Sabbath School Convention, appointed to confer with you at your last session, reported to the session of the Convention just closed, that you had accepted the proposition submitted. The work heretofore performed by the Convention now becomes the work of the Association; and we do urge upon the Association and churches to take the matter fully in hand and give that attention to the Sabbath School work which its great importance demands. We beg every minister, and every lover of the Lord Jesus, within our bounds, to put their hearts in the work and never cease to labor and pray until there is a Sabbath school organized within the jurisdiction of every church in the Union Association.

All of which is fraternally submitted, W. G. ROBERTSON, Chm.

19. Appointed next Session of the Association to be held with the Forest Baptist Church, 15 miles South-east of Carrollton, Ala., commencing on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in Sept., 1875.

20. Miscellaneous Business: 1st. On motion, agreed to divide equally the collection on Sabbath between the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

2. Report of Committee on Missions, adopted:

MISSIONS.

From the deep depravity, corruption, misery and ruin into which sin and iniquity have plunged our entire race, and the commission of our Saviour, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," MISSIONS arise as a natural necessity. The salvation of the heathen world can be secured in no other way, nor can the commission be carried out without it. This is God's plan, and His only plan. It is true that when christian ministers are persecuted in one city they are told to flee to the next, and as they go, to preach. But if they wait to be driven out at the point of the bayonet before they "go into all the world to preach the gospel," that is not obeying the commission. God calls men into the missionary world who have a saving knowledge of the gospel by actual and personal experience.—Heb. 5:4. He then calls upon the church to set them apart to the work and support them in it. "Separate me Barnabas and Saul unto the work whereunto I have called them."—Acts 13: 1-5. I. Cor. 9: 13, 14. Other churches supported the Apostles in preaching the gospel to Corinth.—II. Cor. 11: 7-9. Now Corinth must enlarge them by the same rule abundantly to preach the gospel in regions beyond. So the gospel spread from Jerusalem to us.—II. Cor. 10: 12-16. So it is God's plan that it should spread now. Some opposers to missions say, "God is able to save the heathen without the gospel." That may be so. He is just as able to save us without it. Others oppose to missions—this objection: "God can raise up preachers among the heathen." We grant this, too. But neither of these embraces God's plan nor any part of it. For it pleased God, by the foolishness of preaching, to save them that believe. 1. The works of God in the natural world prove to the heathen "His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse." "The

heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handy-work," etc.—Ps. 19: 1-6. God "left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."—Acts 14: 17. This displays God's almighty power and infinite goodness. God's existence and power are also demonstrated by his punishment of the wicked. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against ALL ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."—Rom. 1: 18-32. Hence, "There is no respect of persons with God. For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law; and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel."—Rom. 2: 11, 12, 16. But salvation cannot be learned from reason, the light of nature, or any other source than the word of God. 2. For salvation is a doctrine of Divine revelation. He who said that "They who have no law are a law unto themselves," also said, "That by the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified in his sight." It matters not whether this is the law written with the finger of God on His works in creation or on tables of stone or by the pen of inspiration. "The just shall live by faith." "God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith."—Rom. 3: 26-30. "And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed. That the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."—Gal. 3: 8, 14. "Faith cometh by hearing."—Rom. 10: 8-17. "The law (or doctrine) of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul."—Ps. 19: 7-11. Christ "Brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned." This applies to all except infants or idiots in heathen as well as christian lands. God requires no one to obey a command to whom he has not given the capacity to understand the command given. "But they have not all obeyed the gospel." But the word of God tells us that the Apostles "Went and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following."—Mark 16: 20. But all the nations once had the gospel. And God says that the "Wicked shall be turned into hell with all the nations that forget God." Then let us send them the gospel and pray to God to "Give them repentance and forgiveness of sins," and turn their hearts to Him.

W. ASHCRAFT, Chm.

3. On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That all the members of the Association bring, as soon as practicable, the subject of Home Missions before their respective churches, and ascertain what support they are willing to give a Missionary in our bounds, and report the same to the Executive Board as early as possible.

4. *Ordered*. That the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and to retain out of Association fund \$25 for his services. That he use his own discretion in contracting for the printing of the Minutes, and pay the funds to the respective Boards, and all funds unappropriated be paid to the Executive Board for missionary operations.

5. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the members of Enon Church and the community for the kindness and hospitality extended to the delegates and visitors during its session.

On motion, adjourned. Appropriate remarks by the Moderator, were followed by giving the parting hand. Prayer by Eld. J. P. Lee.

B. CHAPPELLE, Clerk.

J. C. FOSTER, Moderator.

CIRCULAR LETTER;

WRITTEN BY ELDER R. T. HANKS.

BROTHERLY LOVE.

The principle of LOVE is the grandest in the universe. "God is love." "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him might not perish but have everlasting life." Then it was in the exercise of this principle that the plan of salvation was laid, and it was the prevailing motive which induced the blessed Saviour to prosecute that plan and give his soul an offering for sin. It is to be the one universal, all-prevailing Law of heaven. Love for God, and love for His creatures, will be the motive power that shall regulate every action and thought there, and will be an effectual safe-guard against the intrusion of every thing not in accordance with perfect bliss. How blessed are we then that we, as BRETHREN, are the special objects of the Father's love, and that our hearts are already knit together by this divine principle. He who exercises brotherly love on earth, has that far begun the employment of heaven, and is in the same employment with Saints and Angels who are in a state of uncreated purity and in the immediate presence of our God. Thus heaven and earth are united in the same employment, and the eternity of difference between *here* and *there* is filled with the influences of love, making "the Kingdom of God one." "Brotherly love" being so important, wherever it does not exist to a great extent in a church, the want of it is a great defect. It is a sad fact that it is too generally wanting. We see this in the low state of piety in our churches. We see it in the discord that exists and the consequent discipline that is needed. Frequently, the *failure* to keep up a respectable discipline is primary evidence that brotherly love does *not* abound. The truth is, where brotherly love does exist, there is seldom need for the exercise of discipline upon the part of the church. For either their love one for another keeps discord from arising, or finds a better way of adjustment than to make a public manifestation of it. If brotherly love abounds, it is the best discipline.

I apprehend I need not attempt to demonstrate the fact, that there is great need for brotherly love, nor need I undertake to point out the many benefits which would result from the increase of it. *How may it be promoted*, is a question practically concerning every christian. Well, by doing a few things that we have heretofore been failing to do :

1st. We must come to know that it is not right *nor best* that we should always have our own way. There is too much of *self-will*, and sometimes, of *down right stubbornness* with us, even to love anybody much but self. In view of the great unselfishness of Jesus, who lived and died entirely for others, let us attempt to choose the ways and opinions of others, when we can conscientiously do so, and try to make our lives more like the great Pattern.

2nd. In looking at the characters of our brethren, and in comparing them with our own, we must be a little more honest with ourselves and less exacting with others. If we have not others' faults that appear so bad, *we have our own*, that appear *just as bad* to others.

3d. We must often ask ourselves the question, "who maketh thee to differ from another?" in *connection* with that other one which asks, "what hast thou that thou didst not receive?" All our privileges, talents, comforts,

and blessings of every description, are *gifts* from God, and we do not deserve credit on their account, that we should think ourselves better than others.

4th. We must meditate upon the fact, that the Lord loves *us*, *notwithstanding our sins*. Surely under the influence of this blessed Bible doctrine we can entertain brotherly love, notwithstanding our brethren may have faults. The Lord hath taught us that His own perfection is our model, and like Him, we should love the erring and imperfect.

5th. We should bear in mind that we are all of *one family*, and vitally concerned about each other's welfare. Our Saviour is interested about the welfare of all his brethren, for in a thousand ways has he manifested his love for them, and surely we should be interested in what concerns him. It may be that we all *feel* this interest in each other. Well, dear brethren, if we do, let us *manifest by our actions* what we feel. Love grows on its own manifestations.

6th. We must not be too easily satisfied with our attainments in the Divine life. What if we are a little more consistent than our brother over the way? We are yet a long way off from perfection, and should be satisfied with nothing less.

7th. Let us be often found in reading the Bible and in prayer, and in all we do, we should not forget that we are dependent upon the Spirit of God, to lead us into the highest type of "Brotherly Love."

H. B. CHAPPELLE, in account with Union Baptist Association.

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To cash received from Committee on Finance.....	\$284,00
" " " Pledge of Providence Church.....	5,00
" " " J. H. Pate.....	2,50
" " " A. Latham for Missionary.....	5,00
" " " T. P. Harper for ".....	50
" " Minutes S. S. Convention.....	2,50
	————\$299,50

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By cash paid Executive Committee.....	\$173,15
" " Foreign Missions.....	11,25
" " State S. S. Work.....	2,50
" " Domestic and Indian Missions.....	25,10
" " For printing Minutes.....	62,50
" Retained for services.....	25,00
	————\$299,50

Union Baptist Association.

CHURCHES.		DELEGATES.		STATISTICS.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		PASTORS.		CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	
			Absentees marked with a star. *								
First Dis.	Bethlehem,.....	T. G. Williams, A. P. Woolbright,* H. Bradly,*		25	1835	2,000	2,000	J. S. Wooten,...	J. S. Wooten,...	J. S. Wooten,...	J. S. Wooten,...
Second Dis.	Liberty,.....	Eld. R. B. Wilkins, Eld. J. DeLoach,* W. Harris*	1	64	1843	2,000	2,000	R. B. Wilkins,...	R. B. Wilkins,...	R. B. Wilkins,...	R. B. Wilkins,...
Third Dis.	W. P. Adams,.....	Eld. J. A. Mitchell, J. M. Parker, H. Strickland	4	65	1843	2,000	2,000	J. A. Mitchell,...	J. A. Mitchell,...	J. A. Mitchell,...	J. A. Mitchell,...
Fourth Dis.	Relationship,.....	Not Represented	9	66	1843	2,000	2,000	S. Hildreth,...	S. Hildreth,...	S. Hildreth,...	S. Hildreth,...
	Spring Hill, S.	W. Mitchell, W. J. Beatty, J. L. Holman	3	71	1864	2,000	2,000	S. Hildreth,...	S. Hildreth,...	S. Hildreth,...	S. Hildreth,...
	Pleasant Grove	J. S. Wooten,* J. R. Goodman, J. D. Walker,*	1	72	1835	2,000	2,000	J. S. Wooten,...	J. S. Wooten,...	J. S. Wooten,...	J. S. Wooten,...
	Providence,.....	Not Represented	2	30	1832	1,500	1,000	W. Ashcraft,...	W. Ashcraft,...	W. Ashcraft,...	W. Ashcraft,...
	N. Arbor Spring	J. Richardson,* J. K. Kibpatrick, S. J. Spruill	2	26	1872	1,500	1,000	G. M. Lyles,...	G. M. Lyles,...	G. M. Lyles,...	G. M. Lyles,...
	South Carolina,	J. T. Hancock, P. C. Lenah, A. C. Richardson,	2	40	1824	2,000	1,000	J. P. Lee,...	J. P. Lee,...	J. P. Lee,...	J. P. Lee,...
	Mineral Spring	Eld. G. M. Lyles, J. F. Funderburk,* J. M. Allen,*	1	64	1855	3,000	1,000	G. M. Lyles,...	G. M. Lyles,...	G. M. Lyles,...	G. M. Lyles,...
	Oak Ridge,.....	Eld. J. P. Lee, J. A. Bargin, A. J. Lee,	2	61	1838	2,000	1,000	G. M. Lyles,...	G. M. Lyles,...	G. M. Lyles,...	G. M. Lyles,...
	Spring Hill, P.	Eld. H. Stinson,* T. P. Harner, Jas. P. Gates,	1	52	1841	2,000	1,000	G. M. Lyles,...	G. M. Lyles,...	G. M. Lyles,...	G. M. Lyles,...
	Big Creek,.....	Eld. H. H. Curry, J. B. Shepherd,* J. A. Pearson,	3	62	1829	3,000	1,000	G. M. Lyles,...	G. M. Lyles,...	G. M. Lyles,...	G. M. Lyles,...
	Hebron,.....	Eld. D. Duncan, A. Latham, A. F. Nichols,	3	43	1859	2,000	1,000	G. M. Lyles,...	G. M. Lyles,...	G. M. Lyles,...	G. M. Lyles,...
	Cross Roads,.....	J. H. Taylor,* J. B. G. Allen,	1	45	1847	2,000	2,000	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...
	Pickensville,.....	Eld. J. Lee, J. D. B. W. G. Robertson, M. L. Stansel,*	1	46	1846	3,000	2,000	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...
	Carrollton,.....	Eld. R. Ketch, W. G. Robertson, M. L. Stansel,*	5	67	1832	3,000	2,000	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...
	Emmerson,.....	Eld. S. Hildreth, B. Chardy, A. Shepherd,	1	105	1829	3,000	2,000	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...
	Unity,.....	Eld. W. Scott, M. G. Coffey, J. E. Corlier,	7	59	1826	5,000	2,000	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...
	Enon,.....	Eld. B. Huppelle, M. L. Gaskins, J. D. Stapp,	3	53	1840	4,000	1,000	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...
	Mount Zion,.....	Eld. Wm. Ashcraft, M. L. Gaskins, A. Harton,*	3	66	1835	3,000	1,000	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...
	Forest,.....	J. T. Garner, J. H. Hinton,* S. E. Garner,*	3	33	1857	1,000	500	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...
	Shiloh,.....	Eld. M. P. Smith, J. T. Smith, F. H. Lamb,*	2	90	1823	3,000	1,335	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...
	Beulah,.....	G. A. Stewart, A. C. Robertson, T. H. Bacon,*	3	73	1824	3,000	1,500	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...
	New Hope,.....	J. H. Tate, J. S. Shirley, N. H. Robertson,	1	82	1839	3,000	2,000	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...
	Grant's Creek	Eld. J. C. Foster, W. T. Sullivan, H. C. Mabury,*	1	96	1838	3,000	2,000	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...
			5	97	1838	3,000	2,000	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...
			7	103	1838	3,000	2,000	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...	J. H. Curry,...
			2	30	1832	1,500	1,000	J. H. Curry,...			

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

2. The members thus chosen and convened, shall be known by the name of "THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION": which shall have the privilege of engaging in benevolent operations, for the purpose of advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom, and the furtherance of Christ's cause on earth—in this the churches and individual members are left free; and the giving or withholding shall not be a bar to fellowship.

3. The Association shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, nor infringe any of their internal rights; but shall merely be considered an advisory council, in all matters relating to their internal concerns; nevertheless, it becomes necessary, in some cases, to have a uniform rule of procedure, viz: If one church commit an offence against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction: if she fail of success, she shall call in the aid of two or more churches in our union, to assist in laboring for satisfaction, and if final satisfaction, in the opinion of the helps thus called, be not obtained, the aggrieved may bring the case before the Association, which shall be taken up and decided upon according to its merits. If a serious difference should arise in an individual church, which, upon due labor, cannot be reconciled, she shall call in aid from two or more sister churches, to assist in the work, and if a reconciliation be not effected, the helps so called, or the church may bring the case before the Association, to be acted upon according to its merits; but the Association shall take no notice of any case of the above kind, unless a due course of procedure shall have been previously pursued according to the economy of the church discipline as found in the Scripture of the New Testament.

4. The Association shall have power to exclude any church from her union who shall violate the Constitution, or shall depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

5. Each church in our union shall send to every annual session of the Association, written communications, specifying the names of their delegates, their number in fellowship, the number of white males, white females, colored members, the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored, or deceased since the last session, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to three delegates. Should any church fail to represent herself, she shall state her reasons in her next letter to the Association.

7. New churches and churches dismissed from other Associations may be admitted into our union, by delegates bearing petitionary letters. If upon due examination they be found orderly and orthodox, the Moderator shall manifest their reception by giving their delegates the right hand of christian fellowship.

8. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by regular and proper rules of decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend, according to her own views.

9. At every meeting of the Association, a Moderator shall be appointed by, and from the delegates present, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced. A Clerk shall also be appointed in like manner,

whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings. The Clerk shall be treasurer, ex-officio, of this union.

10. The Association shall furnish the churches of our union with the minutes of every session.

11. Every query sent by a particular church, must be included in her letter, certifying that she has endeavored to reconcile it, but failed. In such a case the Association shall take it under consideration, and the voice of a majority shall be considered an advisory answer, which shall be entered on the minutes.

12. Queries which immediately concern the union, or state of the churches at large, sent by a particular church, or introduced by a proper motion, shall be taken up and decided as soon as practicable.

13. Any church in our union, having a preacher whom she deems worthy of ordination, shall call a presbytery of ministers from sister churches to officiate in the work; all presbyteries, in the ordaining of ministers or deacons, and in the constituting of churches, shall be governed by the Articles of Faith adopted by this Association.

14. The Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches; all moneys thus contributed, shall be transmitted from the churches, by their delegates, and paid over to the committee on finance; which committee shall be annually appointed, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge all moneys sent to the Association, dispose of the same agreeably to order, and make a fair and circumstantial report.

15. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of the printed Minutes of every session.

16. The Association shall not adjourn any session until she shall have finished all the business on hand, except in extraordinary cases.

17. This Association shall correspond with such other Associations as may be agreed on while in session.

18. The Association shall, in all cases (except to amend the Constitution,) be governed by a majority of the members present.

19. The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises.

20. The Association shall, at each session, appoint one of her members to preach an Introductory Sermon at her next session; also, one or more to preach upon subjects of Benevolence, as she may think proper; and one to prepare a Circular Letter.

21. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any session of the Association when two-thirds of her members present shall deem it necessary.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1.—We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost.—*Deut.* iv. 39; *1 Cor.* viii, 6; and *1 John*, v. 7.

2.—We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testament, are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.—*2 Tim.* iii, 16; *Rom.* xy, 4; and iii, 2.

3.—We believe that Adam, by sin, fell from the state of purity in which he was created, that all his posterity are degenerate, and that all human nature is corrupt and depraved.—*Rom.* iii, 12; *Gen.* i, 26-28; iii, 6-8.

4.—We believe that man is utterly unable, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.—*Heb.* ix, 22-23; *1 Peter*, ii, 24; and iii, 18.

5.—We believe in the doctrine of Election, and that God chose his people in Christ, before the world began.—*Eph.* i, 3-5; *Titus*, i, 1-2.

6.—We believe in the Covenant of Redemption, and Salvation by Grace, entered into by the Sacred Three, in behalf of the elect, on whom grace and glory were settled forever, in Christ, their covenant head.—*Psalms*, lxxxix, 2-4; and xxvii, 37; *Eph.* i, 3-5; *2 Tim.* i, 9.

7.—We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, by the imputation

ted righteousness of Christ only, and that they receive pardon and reconciliation through him.—*Rom.* iii, 22-26.

8.—We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, and sanctified by the influence and operation of the Holy Spirit.—1 *Peter*, i, 2; *Mal.* iii, 17.

9.—We believe that Saints shall be preserved in Grace, and that none of them shall be lost.—*John*, x, 27-29; *Rom.* viii, 31-39; 2 *Tim.* i, 9.

10.—We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous, and punishment of the wicked, will be eternal, *Job*, xix, 25-27; *John*, v, 28-29; *Matt.* xxv, 31-34-41-46.

11.—We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Ordinances of Jesus Christ; that true believers are the only fit subjects of Baptism; that immersion of the subject in water is the Apostolic mode; and that none but regularly Baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.—*Matt.* iii, 6-16; *Mark*, i, 9; xvi, 16; *John*, iv, 1-2; *Acts*, ii, 38-41; viii, 12; xviii, 8; *Luke*, xxii, 17-20; *John*, xiii, 2-41.

12.—We believe that no minister has any right to administer the Ordinances of the Gospel, unless he has been regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of the hands of a Presbytery.—*Tim.* ii, 6-7; v, 21-22; *Titus*, i, 5; *Acts*, xiii, 2-3.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. After reading the letters from the different churches of this Union, a Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have a discretionary right to call to order at any time.

4. A member not satisfied with his decision, may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.

5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet, and address the Moderator for permission to speak, and he, when thus addressed, shall signify his assent by naming the member, or otherwise.

6. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or use words of personal reflection. Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by him who made it; if there are two or more motions before the Association on the same subject, at the same time, the first motion shall be first in order.

7. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided on, or withdrawn, before another shall be offered.

8. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for the debates, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association on the subject; the members in the affirmative shall signify the same by saying "aye," and those in the negative by saying "no," except in cases which cannot thus be satisfactorily determined; in such cases they shall be tested by rising to their feet. The Moderator to pronounce the decision before the standers resume their seats.

9. No member shall depart from the services of the Association without leave.

10. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave, nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject until the debates are gone through with.

11. The appellation of brother shall be used in the Association by the members in their address, one to another.

12. The names of members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

13. No member shall be tolerated in any practice that tends to interrupt the speaking.

14. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another member to his seat during the time, but he shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

SYNOPSIS
OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION
OF THE
UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

— Enon Church

The Sixth Annual Session of the SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION was held according to previous appointment. Introductory Sermon by Elder William Ashcraft, text—Tim. 3: 15.

After a recess of one hour, the Convention was called to order by the President, W. G. ROBERTSON; prayer by Elder R. E. Melvin.

Letters from the Schools and Churches were read and names of delegates enrolled. The Convention was organized by the re-election of W. G. ROBERTSON, President, and H. B. CHAPPELLE, Sec'y.

On motion, an invitation was extended to all unassociated Schools and Churches to unite with the Convention. The school at Hall's School-house presented a letter and was received.

The following Queries were discussed and answered, eliciting much interest in their discussion: 1. Should a Baptist become a member of a Union Sabbath School, provided he cannot join a Baptist Sabbath School? *ANSWER—A Baptist should unite with no school or organization, whatsoever its name, that teaches more or less than the gospel of Jesus Christ.* 2. Are we discharging our duty in reference to our State Sunday School work? *Answer:* Considering the great importance of the State Sunday School work, we do not feel that we are discharging our duty. 3. Upon whom does the responsibility of the maintainance of the Sunday School work devolve? *Ans.—It devolves upon the churches.*

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder W. Ashcraft.

SATURDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment and was opened by prayer.

Report of Committee on Sunday School Literature, adopted: We would recommend "Kind Words," "Baptist Teacher," Dayton and Manly's Questions and Library published by the Southern Baptist Publication Society.

The committee appointed at the last session of the Convention, to confer with the Association in regard to the Sunday School work, reported that the Association accepted the work. All reports in the future will be made to the Association.

On motion, amended Art. II. of the Constitution of the Convention so as to read as follows: Art. II. Its object shall be to promote the work of Sabbath Schools within the bounds of said Association.

Appointed the next meeting of this Convention to meet with Forest Church on Friday before the 4th Sab. in September, 1875.

The committee to prepare business for the next session of the Convention report as follows: Introductory Sermon by Elder J. H. Curry; alternate, Elder S. Hildreth.

Subjects for discussion: 1. Best means of securing attendance in the schools; Elder W. Ashcraft and Elder S. Hildreth. 2nd. Family Government—its influence on Sunday Schools; H. B. Chappelle. 3rd. Who should bear expenses of Sunday Schools?—M. L. Stansel. 4th. How parents may help or hinder Sunday Schools; Wm. G. Robertson, John H. Stinson. 5th. The relation between Church and Sunday School; Grant Taylor and James T. Smith.

A. M. WILKINS, Chm.

Essay, by Elder Robert Keith, read and adopted.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Forest Church Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1875. Prayer by Eld. A. M. Smith.

W. G. ROBERTSON, President.

H. B. CHAPPELLE, Secretary.

STATISTICS

OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

<i>Names of Schools.</i>	<i>Teachers..</i>	<i>Pupils.....</i>	<i>Total.....</i>	<i>Organized,</i>	<i>Superintendents.</i>	<i>Post Offices.</i>
Carrollton.....	5	47	52	1867	W. G. Robertson...	Carrollton, Ala.
Pickensville.....	6	40	46	1872	A. M. Wilkins.....	Pickensville, Ala.
Corinth.....	4	53	57	.....	W. G. Comaford...	Sipsy Turnpike, Ala
Zion.....	...	.....	.....	.....	J. D. Parker.....	Pleasant Grove, Ala
Ebenezer.....	6	23	29	1874	C. W. Free.....	Carrollton, Ala.
Forest.....	6	25	31	.....	J. P. Barnett.....	Pleasant Grove, Ala
Grant's Creek.....	7	40	47	1825	R. H. Foster.....	Sylvan, Tusk co Ala
Hall's School.....	6	46	52	1874	W. J. Beaty.....	Gordo, Alabama.
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NAMES OF BAPTIST MINISTERS

IN THIS ASSOCIATION, WITH THEIR POST OFFICE

JAS. DELOACH	Reform, Pickens County, Ala.
R. B. WILKINS.....	" " " "
ELIJAH HOWELL.....	Millport, Sanford County, Ala.
I. HOLLINGSWORTH	Carrollton, Pickens " "
S. HILDRETH.....	" " " "
W. ASHCRAFT	" " " "
D. DUNCAN.....	" " " "
J. H. CURRY.....	" " " "
H. B. CHAPPELLE*.....	" " " "
G. M. LYLES.....	Providence, " " "
J. S. WOOTEN.....	" " " "
H. BRADLEY*.....	" " " "
A. M. HANKS.....	Columbus, Lowndes Co., Miss.
J. M. LAND.....	Pickensville, Pickens County, Ala.
J. P. LEE.....	" " " "
JACOB PARKER.....	Pleasant Grove, Pickens Co. "
J. A. MITCHELL.....	Sipsey Turnpike, Tuskaloosa "
J. H. M. ANDERS*.....	Romulus, Tuskaloosa Co., Ala.
A. M. SMITH*.....	" " " "
M. P. SMITH.....	Union, Greene County, "
J. C. POTTER.....	Foster's, Tuskaloosa Co., Ala.

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